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## **DETROIT VA MEDICAL CENTER HOSTS MOBILE CLASSROOM TO BRING CONTINUING EDUCATION DIRECTLY TO ITS HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

(Detroit) - As part of an ongoing commitment to delivering the best possible patient care and a dedication to staff education, the Detroit VA Medical Center is hosting the Kimberly-Clark Education Bus onsite on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The KC Education Bus is part of a larger initiative by Kimberly-Clark called “Not On My Watch,” a national infection prevention campaign for healthcare professionals.

Delivering continuing education (CE) programs based on the latest research, the KC Education Bus provides doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals with a convenient setting aboard a 45-foot customized bus that includes workstations and is outfitted for video and audio presentations. Here, participants can update their knowledge of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) through interactive educational programs. On the KC Education Bus, caregivers will have access to expert speakers, group presentations, round table discussions and useful information on preventing infections such as surgical site infection (SSI) and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP).

“HAI is a prevalent issue in healthcare today and prevention is certainly our top priority. We believe that continuing education among our healthcare professionals about the latest in best practices associated with infection prevention is one of the most effective measures for controlling the risk of HAI,” said Dr. Pamela Reeves, Medical Center Director, Detroit VA Medical Center. “Having Kimberly-Clark’s Education Bus here in Detroit at our VA, helps us to balance the time our staff spends on delivering the very best in patient care with access to invaluable educational content.”

Posters and flyers will be posted throughout the facility as a reminder of caregivers’ commitment to reducing HAI rates at the Detroit VA Medical Center. Patient safety tips will also

be available to educate community members about the steps they can take to help protect themselves or loved ones from infection.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.4 million people worldwide suffer from infections acquired in hospitals at any given time. In an effort to prevent incidence of infection, the Detroit VA Medical Center continually works to ensure patients and staff are benefiting from the latest in educational resources.

For more information, please visit the medical center's website at <http://www.detroit.va.gov/> or call 313-576-1000. For details about the "Not On My Watch" campaign, and the KC Education Bus please visit [www.HAIwatch.com](http://www.HAIwatch.com).

*Since 1939, the Detroit VAMC has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location in Detroit. The John D. Dingell VAMC located in Detroit, Michigan is one of the newest VA facilities in the country. We consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.*

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